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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FUJII ET AL.

Examiner

Hemang Sanghavi

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 9-11, filed April 11, 2006, with respect to the rejections of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of newly found prior art references. This action is not made final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6 and 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kragl (WO 02/054129 A1, Publication Date 07/11/2002).

Kragl discloses a method of manufacturing an optical coupling device comprising the steps of:

providing a tapered through-hole in a substrate (3); the first (bottom) end of the tapered hole has a diameter smaller than the second end;

housing a first optical device (1) within a tapered through-hole;

inserting an optical transmitter (fiber 7) having a larger diameter than a diameter of the optical device (1) in the tapered through-hole. It is inherent that the optical

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transmission point substantially coincident with a geometrical center of the tapered through hole.

As to claim 2, Kragl also discloses a step of housing a second optical device (K) within the tapered through hole and having a diameter larger than the diameter of the first optical device.

As to claims 5-6, Kragl teaches to provide forming of an electrode wiring (5) with an electrode (2) provided on the first optical device before housing the first optical device.

As to claim 9, Fig. 19 of Kragl shows the side surface of the optical device contacting an internal wall of the tapered through hole.

As to claims 12-13, Kragl discloses a metal film (electrode wiring) for reflecting light emitted from the first optical device.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art fails to disclose or suggest the steps of irradiating the substrate with a femto-second pulse laser while relatively moving the femto-second pulse laser in an axial direction of the tapered through-hole and removing a region of the substrate changed by the irradiation of the femto-second pulse laser so that the tapered through-hole emerges.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Inoue et al discloses a coupling module thorough a tapered hole substrate. Kragl (US 6,832,861) discloses a coupling module and this US Patent is continuation of the WO 02/054129 A1) applied to claims 1-6 and 8-13.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hemang Sanghavi whose telephone number is (571) 272-9955. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney Bovernick can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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